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## PREVENT FIRES IS SLOGAN

### NATIONAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS DESIGNATE FIRE PREVENTION DAY.

Saturday, October 9th, has been set aside as Fire Prevention Day by the Government of the United States and the same date has been designated by the State of Nebraska. The North Platte Chamber of Commerce has endorsed this movement and is giving its support to the observance of the day. All property owners are interested in this movement because the insurance rates depend on the fire hazard and the fire protection. When we can show the Insurance Inspection officials that the risk is less in North Platte than in other cities, our insurance rates will be less.

Fires are not "an act of God." They are mostly preventable. There is in the United States, more than one fire every minute of the day and night for every day in the year. Each of these fires destroys property. Wilbur E. Mallahan, in The Nation's Business says:

"Our annual fire loss, which exceeds \$300,000,000, is equivalent to 5 per cent interest upon a capital fund of \$6,000,000,000. America may, therefore, be said to have a permanent investment of \$6,000,000,000 in the expensive habit of playing with fire. The outlay does not represent money transferred with attendant stimulation of business activity; it represents resources blotted out of existence. Whether insured or uninsured, there is no fire which does not leave the country definitely and permanently poorer. Worse than all is the fact that more than 20,000 human beings are burned to death each year in our land alone. The war cost us 50,000 lives in battle.

### FIRES THAT RUN WILD.

Over all there is the ever-present danger of fire that becomes a conflagration; that escapes control and spreads over a city. Sometimes it is not checked for several days, as in the case of San Francisco, and the disaster is broader far than the burned over territory. It is generally admitted that the San Francisco conflagration in 1906 was an important factor in the panic and hard times of 1907.

With American life tending more and more to congestion in cities, the conflagration hazard is increasing. This is the time of year to inspect the flues and chimneys, keep the dead leaves and grass cleaned up, see that electric wires are properly insulated and covered and prepare a safe place for ashes, gasoline, matches and other materials which cause fires. It is a community proposition and we can all work together to make North Platte a safer place to live in and wherever we live, to make our homes as free from fire risk as possible.

### MOONEY GOLF CUP FINALS WON BY C. R. MOREY SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

The Golf Tournament for the Mooney Cup was finished Sunday afternoon when a large crowd watched C. R. Morey defeat C. M. Newton on the Country Club grounds. W. E. Starr was a contestant in the finals with Mr. Morey and Mr. Newton. There were thirty-four contestants in the tournament which started two weeks ago. Mr. Morey won by one stroke. Another tournament will start this week and the prize will be a medal.

### MISS KRAMPH A DELEGATE TO AMERICAN PRISON CONGRESS.

Omaha dispatches give the name of Miss Anna Kramph of North Platte as one of the delegates appointed by Governor McKelvie to attend the American Prison Congress at Columbus, Ohio, October 14 to 19. Most of the leaders in this line are among the sixteen delegates named. They include Warden Fenton, Chief Eberstein, Supt. Clark, Miss Carns, Roy Leavitt and Miss Ward.

### PIONEER CAMPFIRE GIRLS HOLD ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Pioneer Campfire held its annual election of officers Tuesday evening when the following were elected: President, Ellen Erickson; vice-president, Merle Watts; Secretary, Addie Bigham; Cheer Leader, Edna Barber; Treasurer, Mabel Getty; Pianist, Lydia Yost; Press Correspondent Dorothy Elder. This club was organized May 25, 1918 by Miss Layton. Miss Lucille Wilcox is the Guardian.

Mrs. Ralph Ford left Tuesday for a short stay in Omaha.

## ORGANIZE LADIES' BAND

### MEETING HELD AT THE FRANKLIN AUDITORIUM LAST NIGHT.

Sixteen ladies of North Platte will compose the latest addition to the band organizations of the city. They met at the Franklin Auditorium last night and organized by electing Earl Stamp director and authorizing him to secure music for an early rehearsal. Mrs. C. H. Leininger was elected President, Miss Ida Ottenstein was made Vice-President, Miss Janet McDonald, Secretary-Treasurer and Mildred Skinner Librarian. No name was selected but one will be chosen at an early meeting. Practice will be held each Monday evening beginning next week. Other ladies present at the organization meeting were Mrs. A. C. Howard, Miss Esther Antonides, Mrs. Earl Stamp, Mrs. Wilson Tout, Mrs. Frank Yearsley, Miss Herrod and Miss Florence Stamp. Others who will probably join are Mrs. L. J. Krause, Miss Florence McKay, Miss Georgina McKay, Mrs. Arthur Trump and Miss Dorothy Hinman. No one has been invited to join who does not know something about music as it is the determination of this organization to make progress from the first. This makes three bands for North Platte, counting the Chamber of Commerce Band and the High School Cadet Band.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION DECIDES NOT TO HAVE A BOND ELECTION.

The Board of Education at its regular monthly meeting last night decided not to have an election to issue bonds but to take advantage of a law passed by the last Legislature allowing such bonds to be issued upon the petition of a certain number of legal voters. Under this law the big expense of a special election is avoided. The names of the required majority will be secured on the petitions.

George Tekulvie's car was destroyed by fire Sunday evening while returning from Bignell. No one was injured. The loss was covered by insurance.

## MISS EDITH PATTERSON FOUND DEAD SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Miss Edith Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Patterson, 515 W. Fourth St., was found dead at her home Saturday just after noon. Neighbors seeing smoke issuing from the windows turned in the fire alarm and the department responded at once. Meanwhile friends had entered the house and found it full of gas and smoke. When they were able to search the different rooms they found the body of Miss Patterson in her room. Apparently she was dead and all efforts to revive her failed. A gas jet was open down stairs and this with smoke was the cause of her death. The fire did some damage to the furnishings but was quickly extinguished. The funeral is to be held this afternoon at 2:30 from the Episcopal Church. An account of her life will be published Friday.

## HOAGLAND RETURNS FROM A TRIP TO THE ATLANTIC COAST.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Hoagland returned yesterday from a trip to the coast. Mr. Hoagland was one of the four delegates from Nebraska to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the United States, which met in Boston last week. He was in Boston at the time they were closing up the Trust Companies and he says there was some financial depression at the time but that when he left things were about normal. Mr. and Mrs. Hoagland made a trip over to Marshfield Hills, thirty miles south of Boston and spent a day with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Foley, who are living there on a twenty acre farm facing the ocean. Mr. Foley was one of the early settlers of North Platte, having at one time conducted a mercantile business here. He organized the First National Bank and built the business block now occupied by Hirschfeld and Rush.

## WEATHER SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER REPORTED NEAR NORMAL.

Weatherman Shilling has made out his summary of the weather conditions for September and it shows that the average daily temperature for the month was one degree above normal and the precipitation is two-thirds of an inch below normal. On the 19th of the month the thermometer went to 94 while on the 30th it dropped to 27. There were fourteen clear days, thirteen partly cloudy and three cloudy. The first killing frost occurred on the last day of the month although light frost was reported on the fifth and sixth and a heavy frost on the 29th.

## FORMER NORTH PLATTE HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER MARRIED.

Miss Alta Wells for a number of years a teacher in the North Platte High School, was married a few days ago at her home in Alexandria, Neb., to Frederick F. Wehnard. Mr. Wehnard is an assistant in the Department of Botany at the University of Illinois and is working for his Ph.D. degree. Mrs. Wehnard is also an assistant in the same department and is working toward her MA degree. They will be at home at 1207 W. Main St. Urbana, Ill.

## HIGH SCHOOL ENTERTAINS VISITING TEAM AT FRANKLIN AUDITORIUM.

Friday evening the local High School students entertained the visiting Alliance football team at Franklin Auditorium. The first part of the evening was spent in games. From 9:30 until 11 the students gave a dance with Doucet's orchestra furnishing the music. All speak very highly of the Alliance boys as a clean bunch of boys.

## HIGH SCHOOL DEFEATS ALLIANCE IN FIRST GAME OF SEASON.

North Platte High School won the first football game of the season Friday when it defeated Alliance High School by a score of 34 to 0. Alliance was clearly outclassed. No score was made until the second quarter when Wilber and Adams each made a touchdown. In the second half, Shenk, Adams and scored touchdowns. School score was 34 to 0.

Mrs. B. B. Boatman left yesterday for Muskogee, Okla., where she will visit her sister, Mrs. L. R. Kershaw, for a few weeks.

## IMPROVES FARM HERD

### EXPERIMENT STATION HAS RECORD MAKING DAIRY DEPARTMENT.

The Dairy Department at the Experimental Substation located just south of this city, has grown from twenty to forty cows in the past five years since it was started. At first the milking herd consisted of twenty cows most of them being common red stock with a few pure bred and some grade Holstein heifers. Now this herd consists of over forty Holsteins, all of which are high grade or pure bred.

Approximately double the amount of milk is now secured from the average cow that was secured first and this has been done by careful selection of the cows and the weeding out of the unprofitable animals. Five different cows now in the herd have an average of over eight hundred pounds of butter in 365 days.

An almost wonderful record is that of a cow named Seges Pledge Rose

which is one of the foundation animals of the herd. This cow, now six years old, gave 20,000 pounds of milk in ten months. In this milk there was over 900 pounds of butter. This amount of milk at the present price would cost \$1,000. In one seven-day record this cow gave 32.34 pounds of butter.

The present Senior herd sire is King Piebe Pontiac Segis. His dam is a cow which broke twenty world records before she was five years old.

Work such as is being done with live stock at the Substation is of great value to the stockmen of Lincoln County and the neighboring Counties and the farmers should see that members of the Legislature are elected who will keep this work up to the present high standard by keeping up the appropriations.

## METHODIST LADIES TO MEET THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The regular meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church will be held in the church parlors Thursday afternoon. The Serving Committee is Mesdames Dean, Deakin, Starr, Stevens and Miss Todd. A full attendance is desired.

Henry George, of Brady, was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

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